Instructions regarding State level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee

3975. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the instructions to various State Governments for appointment of State level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee to examine National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and various other Rural Development Schemes;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware about non-functioning of such State level Committee in the State of Gujarat; and

(c) if so, what actions are proposed in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been constituted at State and District Level in all States and Union Territories with a view to effectively review and monitor the implementation of all rural development programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development including National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS).

(b) Earlier, due to announcement of General Elections in 2007 to Gujarat Legislative Assembly and enforcement of model code of conduct, the State Level Meeting of Vigilance and Monitoring Committee could not be held. Thereafter five MLAs from newly elected Assembly are required to be nominated on the Committee which is still pending. Due to this, State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee during 2007-08 could not be held.

(c) Not applicable.

Study by Centre for Environment and Food Security on NREG Yojana

†3976. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre for Environment and Food Security had conducted a study on National Rural Employment Guarantee Yojana in Kalahandi like six districts of Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the report on study 25 per cent of the scheme amount was spent for the said district and the remaining 75 per cent was claimed by graft;

(c) if so, the details of the report and Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the action being taken thereon by Government?

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